GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of pulses imported in the country during each of the last three years and to be imported in the current year;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to reduce the import of pulses; and

(c) the extent to which the Government have succeeded in its efforts alongwith the clarification of the Government in this regard thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a) : The quantity and value of pulses imported in the country during each of the last three years were as under and the same trend is likely to continue during the current year:

Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value (in Rs. Lakh)
2000-01	3.50	49,847.40
2001-02	21.77	315,565.59
2002-03#	15.02	205,822.58

upto December, 2002

(b) & (c): The Government have taken several steps to increase the production and productivity of pulses in the country. For an integrated approach in production, processing, storage, marketing and trade, Pulses were brought under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses (TMOP) in 1990-91, resulting in substantial increases in the production and productivity of pulses during 1990s. Imports of pulses have gone up in last two years due to liberalization of economy and a decline in the domestic production of pulses due to adverse climatic conditions. Efforts are being made to strengthen the TMOP in the Tenth Plan period for attaining selfreliance in pulses through crop diversification and sustainability of the production system.